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*Washington, D.C.*- Today, Congressman Sires announced the release of more than \$8 million in funding to New Jersey by the Department of Energy (DOE) for a rebate program to encourage purchases of energy efficient appliances. The money is part of nearly \$300 million in funding released by the DOE allocated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for State-run rebate programs for consumer purchases of new ENERGY STAR qualified home appliances.

“The rebates granted through this funding will assist New Jersey consumers in making their homes more energy efficient, while helping to support the nation’s economic recovery, as well as aid our nation in the fight to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” stated Congressman Sires.

The funding will be issued to the New Jersey Department of Energy, which will have the opportunity to select which residential ENERGY STAR qualified appliances to include in its program and the individual rebate amount for each appliance. DOE recommends that program efforts focus on heating and cooling equipment, appliances, and water heaters as these products offer the greatest energy savings potential. DOE anticipates that all funding should be awarded by December 2009.

For more information on this program and other Recovery Act related funding opportunities, please visit [www.energy.gov/recovery](http://www.energy.gov/recovery) .

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